

St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

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4th Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2020

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**
Whitefish Lake First Nation

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses :

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:30 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 9:00 AM

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Sunday : 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism :

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages :

Please make marriage arrangements 9 months in advance by contacting the Parish office. Saturday weddings are scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments :

Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

ststans@eastlink.ca

Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :

St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
or **Ellen Austin 705-682-4596**

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or **Denise Stewart 705-692-4883**

St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
705-866-2235

Mission Statement :

By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.



God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Vocations Office

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie,
Ontario, Canada

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Note:

The times of celebrations are given so that the parishioners can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Sunday, May 03

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Sunday, May 10

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests is held each Tuesday at 9:15 AM at St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.

A Prayer Line is available for parishioners. Anyone wishing to pray for a special Intention, for someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention may contact the Prayer Line.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church.

An Individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons.

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a Birthday or an Anniversary), for someone who is sick or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: May 4 to May 10, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 11:1-18	John 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4:1-5	John 10:11-16
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9	John 14:1-12

Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Vocations - By Fr. Arulkumar

The 4th Sunday of Easter is called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. On this day, the Church calls us to reflect on the **meaning of God's call for each of us** and to **pray for vocations to the priesthood**, the diaconate and the consecrated life because the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. On this **World Day of Prayer for Religious Vocations** let us pray for our priests, deacons and those living a consecrated life.

In today's Gospel St. John the evangelist portrays Jesus as Good Shepherd. It epitomizes the life and mission of Jesus. In the Gospel passage Jesus himself explains with great empathy the intimate relationship between the shepherd and his sheep. The sheep hear his voice and recognize him. He calls his sheep by name and leads them out. He goes before them and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Here we see that **the shepherd - sheep relationship is reciprocal and complementary**. The sheep follow the shepherd not blindly but by the knowledge and the conviction of his trustworthiness.

We need to think about what type of relationship we are with God! Today I invite you to reflect on certain **aspects of Shepherd and Sheep**.

We need to be good shepherds and good leaders. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. **We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties toward their children**, giving them good example and sound religious instruction. Above all, parents should pray for their children and infuse into them sound Christian moral principles.

We need to be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Our local parish is our sheepfold and our pastors are our shepherds. There is a **joke** about pastor's vacation. It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year, because if he is a really good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it.

As the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counselling and advice. To receive the spiritual food given by our pastors by regular participation in the Holy Mass, prayer services, renewal programs and missions as far as we are able to do so. **To co-operate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties and praying for them.** As sheep we also need to think about **how actively we could participate** in the work of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

Finally **we need to pray for good pastors and vocations.** The Church uses this Sunday to encourage vocations to the ministerial priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. **All Christians share in the responsibility of fostering these vocations.** The faith community must continuously pray for vocations both in the Church and in their families. **Since good priests, deacons and people embracing the consecrated life come from good Christian families**, all Christian parents need to live their faith in Christ on a daily basis by leading exemplary lives as parents and by fostering good relationships with, and among, their children.

Parents need to respect and encourage a child who shows an interest in becoming a priest or deacon or of entering upon a consecrated life. Parents need to encourage their children, including their teenagers and young adults, to participate actively in the children's and youth activities in the parish. They also need to encourage and actively support them in becoming altar servers, gift-bearers, lectors and ministers of hospitality.

As we celebrate the **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **World Day of Prayer for Religious Vocations**, **let us begin, or continue, to pray for our priests, deacons and those living a consecrated life.**

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